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Mr. John Helgerson
Director of Congressional
Affairs, CIA
Room 7B24 Headquarters
Washington, D.C. 20505

Dear John:

Thank you for agreeing to participate in the faculty study session on Congress and the CIA on 3 November. Discussants will be Thomas K. Latimer, Sven E. Holmes, George Tenet and you, with Greg Treverton as moderator. Greg will introduce each of the discussants and then give an overview of the subject. The discussants will then be given time for a brief opening statement. I suggest the opening statements be no more than 5 minutes long.

I would suggest that in your opening statement you explain your involvement in Congressional oversight of the CIA, whether you see it as effective and whether the future is likely to bring more or less oversight. I would also suggest that you report how much intelligence is now being supplied to Congress and that the Congressional staff comment on Congress' view of the quality of the intelligence analysis. The faculty would also be interested in knowing who uses the intelligence and how it is used in the legislative process.

After the opening statements, the faculty will ask questions and make comments. There will almost certainly be questions on covert action. The faculty will also be interested in proposed legislation affecting the CIA. By 3 November we will know the fate of the Congressional move to require the President to notify Congress within 48 hours of authorizing a finding. If the President vetoes this legislation and the veto is sustained, will the next Congress try again to amend the present requirement to notify Congress of findings "in a timely manner?" This will get us into the separation of powers issue, which should receive some discussion.

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The session will be held in the Fainsod Room of Littauer Hall in the Kennedy School of Government. You should come to the main entrance of the Kennedy School at 79 John F. Kennedy Street, take the elevator to the third floor, turn right after leaving the elevator and walk straight and around the stairs to the Fainsod Room. The study session will run from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.; Nancy Huntington and I will be at the Fainsod Room from about 3:30 p.m. After the study session, we will have cocktails and dinner and then a brief wrap-up session.

The study group will be limited to faculty only and we expect about 30 to attend. If you have any questions about the study session, please phone Nancy Huntington at 617-495-1142

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I look forward to seeing you on 3 November.

Sincerely,

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cc: Huntington
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Treverton
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